



St. Charles  
Borromeo  
Church

# Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer  
September 15, 2023  
Feast of the Archangels



## INTRODUCTION

Leader: God, + come to my assistance.

**All: Lord, make haste to help me.**

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

# PSALMODY

**Psalm 8:** The majesty of the Lord and man's dignity  
*The Father gave Christ lordship of creation and made him head of the Church*  
(Ephesians 1:22)

## **Antiphon:**

*Leader:* Your majesty is praised above the heavens,

*All:*     **O King of the angels.**

*Leader:* How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth!

**Your majesty is praised above the heavens;  
on the lips of children and of babes  
you have found praise to foil your enemy,  
to silence the foe and the rebel.**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him?

**Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honor you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hands,  
put all things under his feet.**

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters.

**How great is your name, O Lord our God  
through all the earth!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Antiphon:**

*Leader:* Your majesty is praised above the heavens,

*All:*     **O King of the angels.**

## Psalm Prayer

*Leader:* Almighty Lord, how wonderful is your name. You have made every creature subject to you; make us worthy to give you service.

**Psalm 138:** Thanksgiving

*The kings of the earth will bring his glory and honor into the holy city*

(see Revelation 21:24)

**Antiphon:**

*Leader:* In the company of the angels

*All:* **I will sing psalms to you, my God.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

**I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.**

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:  
"How great is the glory of the Lord!"

**The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Antiphon:**

*Leader:* In the company of the angels

*All:* **I will sing psalms to you, my God.**

## Psalm Prayer

*Leader:* Listen to the prayers of your Church, Lord God; in the presence of the angels we praise your name. You keep the proud at a distance and look upon the lowly with favor. Stretch out your hand to us in our suffering, perfect in us the work of your love and bring us to life.



## **Canticle: Colossians 1:12-20:**

Christ the first-born of all creation  
and the first-born from the dead

### **Antiphon**

*Leader:* I saw the lamb, which appeared to have been  
slain, standing in the center of the throne,

*All:* **and I heard the sound of angelic choirs  
around the throne.**

Let us give thanks to the Father  
for having made you worthy  
to share the lot of the saints  
in light.

**He rescued us  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us  
into the kingdom of his beloved Son.  
Through him we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.**

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the first-born of all creatures.  
In him everything in heaven and on earth was created,  
things visible and invisible.

**All were created through him;  
all were created for him.  
He is before all else that is.  
In him everything continues in being.**

It is he who is head of the body, the church!  
he who is the beginning,  
the first-born of the dead,  
so that primacy may be his in everything.

**It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him  
and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person,  
both on earth and in the heavens,  
making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Antiphon**

*Leader:* I saw the lamb, which appeared to have been  
slain, standing in the center of the throne,

*All:* **and I heard the sound of angelic choirs  
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**READING:** Revelation 1:4b–5

Grace and peace—from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and ruler of the kings of earth, who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood.

**RESPONSORY**

*Reader:* Clouds of incense rose in the presence of the Lord.  
– **Clouds of incense rose in the presence of the Lord.**

From the hand of the angel incense rose  
– **in the presence of the Lord.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
– **Clouds of incense rose in the presence of the Lord.**



# GOSPEL CANTICLE

## **Canticle of Mary:** Luke 1:46-55

*The soul rejoices in the Lord*

*Leader:* The angel Gabriel spoke to Mary and said:

*All:* **You will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.**

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Antiphon:**

*Leader:* The angel Gabriel spoke to Mary and said:

*All:* **You will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Reader:* The angels carry out God's will. Let us pray that we too may listen carefully for his voice and hear his call as we say:

**We beg you, hear us.**

That our prayers may rise like a pleasant fragrance before you,  
– through the hands of your angels.

**We beg you, hear us.**

That our prayers may be brought to your altar on high,  
– through the hands of your angels.

**We beg you, hear us.**

That we may proclaim glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth,  
– with the multitude of the heavenly hosts.

**We beg you, hear us.**

That the angels may receive us at the end of our days,  
– and lead us home to paradise.

**We beg you, hear us.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

God our Father,  
in a wonderful way you guide the work of angels and men.  
May those who serve you constantly in heaven  
keep our lives safe from all harm on earth.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
– **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*If a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people:*

The Lord be with you.  
– **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
– **Amen.**

Go in peace.  
– **Thanks be to God.**

*In the absence of a priest or deacon and in individual  
recitation, Evening Prayer concludes:*

*Leader:* May the Lord + bless us,  
protect us from all evil  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
– **Amen.**